



WEST NIAGARA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Host of the annual West Niagara Fair

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Dear Teachers,

Let us introduce ourselves – the West Niagara Agricultural Society (WNAS) – and a little history to explain how we started.

In the past there was the Lincoln Agricultural Society that ran the annual Lincoln County Fair, and there was the Smithville Agricultural Society that looked after the annual Smithville Fair. In 2012 the two societies merged to form the West Niagara Agricultural Society. Lincoln sold its property in downtown Beamsville and with the proceeds the new society purchased property in Grassie and built the West Niagara Agricultural Centre and Fairgrounds, centrally located in the three communities of Grimsby, Lincoln and West Lincoln. We have held the annual West Niagara Fair for the past two years at our new location.

WNAS would like to start a **Spelling Bee** competition at our Fair this year. The competition will be open to all elementary schools in our surrounding communities. It will be open to Grades 4 and 5 students. To participate the school would form one team consisting of five students representing both grades.

The winning school will be presented with a trophy and a cash donation of \$150.00. Both of these prizes have been generously donated by Mr. Ivan Carruthers of Smithville. All students participating will also receive a Fair ribbon and a midway voucher.

The competition will be held on Friday September 8, 2017 with the time to be determined.

We realize that September 8, 2017 is only a few days after the first day of school. This is why we are contacting you now asking if you could register your team by the end of June, 2017 and commit to come to the competition in the new school year.

We look forward to your response and input into how we can make this new event a success and perhaps a new tradition at the West Niagara Fair. We welcome all comments.

Please contact us by email to info@westniagarafair.ca.

Best regards,

John Sikkens, Director & Committee Chairperson.